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(ADVANCED) WASHINGTON, JULY 11 (AP)—ADM. WILLIAM F. RABORN, RETIRED DIRECTOR OF THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, SAYS FEW PERSONS EMPLOYED BY THE CIA ACTUALLY PARTICIPATE IN CLANDESTINE ACTIVITIES.

CPYRGHT

"THE MAN WHO JOINS CIA HAS FAR LESS CHANCE, IN THE COURSE OF HIS CAREER, OF IDENTIFYING WITH JAMES BOND OR 'THE SPY WHO CAME IN FROM THE COLD' THAN HE DOES OF SERVING AS AN ACADEMIC RESEARCHER, ECONOMIST, SCIENTIST, STATISTICIAN, ADMINISTRATOR, ACCOUNTANT OR SUPPLY OFFICER," RABORN SAID.

"OUR MAJOR BUSINESS," HE EXPLAINED IN A COPYRIGHTED INTERVIEW IN U. S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT, "IS NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE, AND SO-CALLED COVERT OPERATIONS ARE A RELATIVELY MINOR PART OF OUR OVER-ALL ACTIVITIES."

RABORN SAID THE CIA'S MAIN JOB IS TO INFORM TOP U. S. OFFICIALS OF WHAT IS HAPPENING AROUND THE WORLD THAT MIGHT AFFECT THE NATIONAL SECURITY OF THE UNITED STATES.

HE SAID "SOME CLASSICAL ESPIONAGE IS REQUIRED" BUT THAT "A GREAT DEAL OF THE RAW INFORMATION IS PUBLIC, OR AVAILABLE WITH A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF DIGGING."

RABORN ALSO SAID IT IS A MISCONCEPTION THAT THE CIA STIRS UP INSURRECTIONS AND STARTS LITTLE WARS. HE SAID THE CIA "HAS ENOUGH TO DO GETTING, COORDINATING AND DISSEMINATING INTELLIGENCE WITHOUT RUNNING ANY WARS."

RABORN SAID ANY CLANDESTINE ACTIVITIES OF THE CIA ARE BY THE DIRECTION OF THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL (NSC) AND "MUST HAVE THE PRIOR APPROVAL -- IN DETAIL -- OF A COMMITTEE OF THE NSC, INCLUDING TOP-RANKING REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PRESIDENT, THE SECRETARY OF STATE AND THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE."

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